



# NEWS RELEASE

**Today's Date:** Friday, October 13, 2006 -- 06-053  
**District:** District 2 - Redding  
**Contact:** Denise Yergenson  
**Phone:** (530) 225-3260

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Public Information Open House Scheduled in Burney

**REDDING** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will hold a public information open house on Thursday, October 19, 2006 to discuss a proposed project on State Route (SR) 299 in Shasta County at the Hillcrest Safety Roadside Rest Area (SRRA). The open house will be held at the Burney Chamber of Commerce, 37028 Main Street, Burney, between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

This project proposes to construct the following features:

- Westbound left-turn lane for vehicles entering the Hillcrest SRRA
- Paved shoulders 4-feet wide
- Clear Recovery Zone - an area adjacent to the traveled way, free of obstacles, where a driver of an errant vehicle can recover and return to the paved roadway.
- Intersection Safety Lighting

The Hillcrest SRRA is one of ten rest areas in District 2 programmed to receive standard left- and right-turn lanes and safety lighting. The Hillcrest SRRA is currently open six months out of the year.

The existing highway does not have a westbound left-turn lane and westbound vehicles entering the Hillcrest SRRA are required to slow or stop in the travel lane to wait for a break in approaching traffic before turning. As a result, through traffic in the single through lane westbound must slow or stop behind the vehicles turning into the SRRA.

The purpose of this project is to:

- Minimize the likelihood of rear-end collisions
- Reduce delay for westbound through traffic
- Increase the likelihood that the driver of an errant vehicle will recover and return to the traveled way
- Improve the visibility of the access to Hillcrest SRRA and vehicles using this facility
- Provide features consistent with other SRRAs within District 2
- Meet driver expectations for SRRA facilities

For more information on this project please contact Eric Akana, Project Manager, at 530-225-3530 or the Public Information Office at 530-225-3260.

###

NOTE: An electronic version of this news release is available on the internet at the following web address: [http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist2/news\\_releases.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist2/news_releases.htm)

